TV Today: NBC Dishing Up 7 Hours of 'Blah'?

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NBC Monday disclosed its prime time television plans for the fall season and announced it would drop a half-dozen regular programs to make room for seven hours of new series material when the season premieres Sept 18.

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The network was making a game effort to stay even with the field, but the lack of leadership at the top was evident. (Fred Silverman, its newly acquired jillion dollar *wunderkind*, from ABC, is languishing at the end of his contract, twisting slowly in the wind until mid-June when legal niceties will permit him to join his new employers in Peacock Country in plotting the defeat of the opposition.)

Among the seven hours of new programming for fall is a half hour comedy starring Broadway Joe Namath, late of the New York Jets and Los Angeles Rams, who retired to try acting. He'll headline "The Waverly Wonders," a sit-com about the coach of a hapless high school basketball team.

Victim of the double-bitted axe in all this are such weary veterans as "Police Woman," "Bionic Woman," "CPO Sharkey," "James At 16," "Class of '65" and Utah's homegrown "The Life and Legend of Grizzly Adams."

In their stead, NBC will parade "The Waverly Wonders," and "Legs," about a Las Vegas entertainer; "Coasttocoast," an hour long program about a couple of airline stewardesses; "Grandpa Goes to Washington," an hour series for Jack Albertson, formerly of "Chico and the Man."

Then "Live from Hollywood With Dick Clark," which is as explanatory as anyone needs to be, "Sword of Justice," a modern swashbuckler, "W.E.B.," about a female television executive, and "Capra," a whodunnit type.

Other programs which were seen on limited basis this spring also were dumped, but NBC will keep its own counsel on those for the time being, who knows, perhaps Silverman will have a whole passel of changes to make when he makes his grand entrance.

NBC is quite proud of one of its productions, the "Big Event," umbrella under which "Holocaust," and "Wheels," were able to air.

The name itself is meaningless, but NBC intends to broadcast the 25-hour televis. n adaptation of "Centennial," still being filmed, under that marquee. The James Michener salute to Amerca's bicentennial will open the "Big Event" season, in fact, for the network in September.

On the face of it, NBC is bringing forth a much larger zero than it hatched last year. There doesn't appear to be anything earthshaking in the seven hours, certainly nothing of such promise that it even arouses curiosity. Considering ABC already has announced a series involving airline stewardesses, the only real hope NBC has is to tread water until Silverman can toss the whole schmear overboard in favor of substance.

Until then NBC's name stands for third.

Mix Blood Utes Denied Appeal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court Monday killed the apparent last hope for success a Utah group of mixed-blood Ute Indians held in a lawsuit seeking damages from the federal government.

The justices refused to hear an appeal by the Affiliated Ute Citizens, a Utah association, aimed at keeping alive the members' claims over land, cash and mineral rights against the United States.

The U.S. Court of Claims last October ruled that the association was barred from filing the lawsuit because it had waited too long after the government's alleged wrongdoing.

Limitations Statute

Monday's action left intact the lower court's decision that a six-year "statute of limitations" had run out and therefore barred any lawsuit by the mixed-blood Utes.

President Abraham Lincoln in 1861 set apart a 2.4-million acre reservation for the Ute Indians in the Uintah Valley of Utah.

The Ute interest in the reseaervation was depleted by various government actions over the next century until in 1954 the tribal reservation contained 808,000 acres of "fee land" and 428,000 acres of mineral rights.

In 1954, Congress passed the Ute Termination Act which divided the tribe into two groups — "full-bloods" and "mixed-bloods."

Status Terminated

By virtue of the act, mixed-blood members of the tribe were to have their legal status as Indians terminated and be given their pro-rata share of all assets. They then would become regular citizens of the state.

The act's purpose was finalized in 1961 by the Ute Termination Proclamation.

Foster Home Abuse Suit Filed by Youth

A 10-year-old boy Monday filed a $2 million suit in U.S. District Court for Utah against state and local officials he claims placed him in a foster home where he was mistreated.

Gary Loveland, through his court-appointed guardian Herschel Bullen, has filed the action in which he claims he suffered frostbite and 3rd-degree burns and lost eight toes.

Defendants in the action include Anthony Mitchell, director of the Utah Divison of Social Services, James P. Wheeler, director of the Utah Divison of Family Services, Paul Rose, former director of social services; Evan Jones, former director of family services, Ray Terry, and Marty O'Donnell, supervisors at the Kearns Family Life Center, and Boyd Nelson, foster case worker with the divison among others.

The action says that young Loveland was put in a foster home by the Division of Family Services.

The action says the boy was sent to school in an unkempt manner, was compelled to sell doughnuts in the evening, had clumps of hair shaved from his head on two occasions and was not allowed to play with other children.

His suit says that Mr. Nelson knew of the conditions and failed to take action.

The suit says that all the other defendants had knowledge and failed to act.

It is alleged that the Divison of Family Services failed to investigate the home and fails to investigate other homes and to revoke licenses if they don't meet rules.

Sandy Plans Marathon

Special to The Tribune

SANDY — Sandy City Council has voted to include a mini-marathon run as part of the city's July Fourth celebration.

The recommendation was made by Councilman John Winder who was instructed to name a committee to plan the event.

Several innovations were considered including starting the race at midnight to run under the moon, starting it at Alta and have the runners come down Little Cottonwood Canyon to Sandy, and a special challenge for local government officers to participate in "a race within a race."

Dr. Edward Hashimoto

Mrs. Phila Heimann

Dr. Milton Wadsworth

U. Picks 3 for Awards

The University of Utah Monday announced the selection of three faculty members to receive this year's Distinguished Teaching Awards.

The recipients are Dr. Edward I. Hashimoto, professor of anatomy, Mrs. Phila V. Heimann, associate professor of languages, and Dr. Milton E. Wadsworth, professor of metallurgy and metallurgical engineering.

Dr. Hashimoto has taught gross and surgical anatomy at the university since joining the faculty in 1935. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees at the U. of U. and his doctor's degree at Harvard Medical School. He has won 11 awards for outstanding teaching since 1960.

Mrs. Heimann joined the faculty in 1947, and will retire this year after 30 years of teaching. She was educated in Vienna, Austria, and completed graduate work at the University of Vienna. She has supervised German teaching assistants at the university for many years.

Dr. Wadsworth has been a faculty member since 1948. He received his bachelor's and doctorate degrees at the U. of U., and served 10 years as chairman of the department of metallurgical engineering. In 1973 he was appointed associate dean of the College of Mines and Mineral Industries, and in 1974 he also became chairman of the department of mining, metallurgical and fuels engineering.

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Tuesday
May 16

8 a.m.
2—Today
4—Good Morning America
5—Romper Room
11—Sesame Street

8:25 a.m.
2—Newswatch 2

8:30 a.m.
5—The Price Is Right

9 a.m.
2—The New High Rollers
4—Happy Days
7—Electric Company
11—Mister Rogers' Neighborhood

9:30 a.m.
2—Wheel of Fortune
4—Phil Donahue Show
5—Love of Life
7—Dragons, Wagons and Wax
11—Infinity Factory

9:45 a.m.
7—Let's Take a Field Trip

9:55 a.m.
5—CBS News

10 a.m.
2—Marcus Welby
4—$20,000 Pyramid
5—The Young and the Restless
7—Sesame Street

10:30 a.m.
4—Ryan's Hope
5—Guiding Light
11—Utah Focus

11 a.m.
2—Card Shark
4—All My Children
7—Song Bag
11—Community Workers

11:15 a.m.
7—Inside Out
11—Cover to Cover

11:30 a.m.
2—Hollywood Squares
5—As the World Turns
7—Truly American
11—Villa Alegre

11:50 a.m.
7—Performance

Noon
2—Newswatch 2
4—One Life To Live
7—Infinity Factory
11—Sesame Street

12:25 p.m.
2—Consumer Action Report

12:30 p.m.
2—The Joker's Wild
7—Villa Alegre
5—Eyewitness News

1 p.m.
2—Another World
4—General Hospital
5—Match Game
7—Utah Natural Science
11—Mister Rogers' Neighborhood

1:20 p.m.
7—Matter of Fact and Fiction

1:30 p.m.
5—All in the Family
11—Story Time

1:40 p.m.
7—Utah Glimpses

1:45 p.m.
7—Measure Metric
11—Inside Out

2 p.m.
2—Days of Our Lives
4—The Edge of Night
5—Big Money Movie: "Larceny, Inc." Edward G. Robinson, Jane Wyman
7—All About You
11—If You Live In a City

2:15 p.m.
7—Exploring the World of Science

2:30 p.m.
4—Family Feud
7—With Liberty and Justice for All
11—Measuremetric

2:45 p.m.
7—Cover to Cover
11—Let's Take a Field Trip

3 p.m.
2—Star Trek
4—Alias Smith and Jones
7—Up Date in Quality Parenting
11—Villa Alegre

3:30 p.m.
7—Lilias, Yoga and You
11—Mister Rogers' Neighborhood

3:55 p.m.
5—Spotlight Five

4 p.m.
2—Emergency One
4—Lucy
5—Dinah
7—Sesame Street
11—Sesame Street

4:30 p.m.
4—ABC News

5 p.m.
2—NBC Nightly News
4—F Troop
5—Batman
7—Mister Rogers' Neighborhood
11—Family Classics

5:30 p.m.
2—Mary Tyler Moore Show
4—My Three Sons
5—CBS Evening News
7—Electric Company
11—Over Easy

6 p.m.
2—Newswatch 2
4—Action News
5—Eyewitness News
7—Over Easy
11—Newsroom

6:30 p.m.
2—Sha Na Na
4—Cross Wits
5—Concentration
7—Civic Dialogue
11—MacNeil-Lehrer Report

7 p.m.
2—"THE LINCOLN CONSPIRACY" FACT OR FICTION?
4—Happy Days
5—IT'S A MAD, MAD, MAD WORLD!

ALL STAR CAST
11—BYU Devotional

7:30 p.m.
4—Laverne and Shirley
7—MacNeil-Lehrer Report

7:45 p.m.
11—LDS Conference Report

8 p.m.
4—Three's Company
7—National Geographic Special
11—Previn and the Pittsburgh

8:30 p.m.
4—Carter Country

9 p.m.
2—TELLY SAVALAS AND ★ LINDSAY WAGNER GUEST STAR ON "WINDOWS, DOORS & KEYHOLES!"
4—Family
7—Mr. Speaker: Tip O'Neill
11—Meeting of Minds

10 p.m.

2 NEWSWATCH 2 ★ AT 10 IS FRESH LATE NEWS!
4—Action News

5 More Of The ★ NEWEST News Channel 5 Eyewitness News
7—Some of the President's Men
11—MacNeil-Lehrer Report

10:30 p.m.
2—Tonight Show
4—Tuesday Movie of the Week: "Funny Girl"
11—Dick Cavett Show

10:40 p.m.
5—Gunsmoke

11 p.m.
7—Dick Cavett Show
11—Anyone for Tennyson?

11:30 p.m.
7—Continued ABC Evening News

11:40 p.m.
4—FBI

Midnight
7—Tomorrow

12:40 a.m.
5—News Final

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